

# MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA

## COMMON COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 4, 2014

6:00 P.M.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Common Council of the City of Rushville met at 270 West 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Rushville, Indiana on the above date and time. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:** The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

**PRAYER:** Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

**ROLL CALL:** Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier, and Student Advisor, Jessica Miller answered roll call. Council Member, Brian Sheehan arrived later in the meeting. Also present was City Attorney, Julie Newhouse.

**MINUTES:** Minutes of the January 21, 2014 meeting were presented for approval. Bridges made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Pavey reported the following:

1. The State of the City address was given today at the Rotary.
2. We have been coordinating our efforts on the comprehensive plan.
3. The Harlem Globe Trotters were in town. It was a fun event.
4. We have been meeting for discussion on restructuring the Police Department.
5. A team event was held by Changing Footprints. The Mayor's team won in a tie breaking shoe toss.
6. We had a meeting with ARA on tax certification and also discussed a Blight & Slum removal program.
7. The concert series has been announced.
8. On the 29<sup>th</sup> we toured the transfer station in Connersville.
9. Reports have been put together on the water main break on the 29<sup>th</sup>. We are also putting together a check list of things that need to be done. We are looking into a better solution for notification of the residents.
10. Jemmy Miller, Les Day, and I attended a construction meeting on the 52 project.
11. Rachel's Challenge program will be presented February 17<sup>th</sup>. Jessica Miller thanked Council for their support of the program. Miller said all are welcome to attend the 7:00 p.m. presentation. She said for those who could not attend the evening session they could attend the session for the students at 1:50 p.m...
12. The St. Patrick's Day celebration will be March 15<sup>th</sup>.

13. The Mayor's 5K is scheduled for May 10. The proceeds will go to an anti-bullying program.
14. The Harvey property is on the ground.
15. We have received 3 bids on the totters. They are being reviewed.

**CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Copley informed Council that they will receive their month end reports later this week.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Bridges said the local churches will be discussing Rachel's Challenge at their church services.

Bridges said he was approached by a citizen with a concern for better notification of the boil water order. Pavey said we will investigate using IPAWS (Integrated Public Alert Warning System) for notification of critical information.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. **Amphitheater/Park Board –**
2. **Comprehensive Plan –**
3. **Trash Sub Committee – RFP –**
4. **Employee Benefit/City Policy-Email –**This was tabled by the Board of Works.
5. **APZ/BZA – Building Code –** Shelly Wakefield is looking into moving forward with a combined system.
6. **Marketing –**

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Animal –** Animal Warden Moran said they took in 29 animals in January. Fifteen of those were City and fourteen were County. Eight animals were euthanized.

**Fire –** Fire Chief Jenkins reported for the month of January they answered 72 ambulance calls and 19 fire calls. This time last year they had 44 medical calls and 10 fire calls.

The Board of Works accepted changes on the Intercept Agreement with RMH.

**Street –** Commissioner Miller said their salt supply is in good shape.

*Councilman Sheehan arrived.*

**Police** – Chief Tucker reported that the Board of Works hired Donald Cochran and Robert Banker to fill the positions of patrolmen pending Perf approval.

They also approved the Agreement for Training & Uniform Reimbursement; the Contract for Special Officer for Detective; the Job Description for Quarter Master; and Modification to General Order 63 on take home vehicles.

**Utilities** – Superintendent Day said they will be awarding the contract for the improvements for the wastewater project on Feb 19<sup>th</sup>.

Councilman Conner thanked Day for quickly getting water back on for residents. Day said their biggest obstacle is notification of residents. He said the loss of pressure was the reason for the boil water order.

**CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS:** None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Ordinance 2014-4 Registration Requirements and Fees of Precious Metal Dealers** – There was an error on the ordinance. Newhouse will make the correction for the next meeting.
2. **Adoption of Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan-ADA** – Pavey said the plan was sent to the local ARC Organization and the school for review. ARC said it looked good. Anna Jo Richards, from the school, presented a list of questions. We replied to the questions. After receiving the reply Richards was then pleased with the plan. The Board of Works approved the plan with the changes. Smith made a motion to approve the plan with the changes. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Transfer Resolution 2014-5** – Sheehan made a motion to approve transfer Resolution 2014-5 for the Police Department. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **Relay for Life – Lesley Wright** – Due to the inclement weather Wright cancelled until the next meeting.

**CLAIMS APPROVAL:** Bridges made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE:** George Coons said he was glad to see the Corvette removed from Main Street.

Conner thanked the Street Department for picking up limbs on Arthur Street.

Berkemeier said he will prepare a summary of the recent phone call with IACT on the possible elimination of the personal property business tax. Pavey said we might consider a possible joint resolution with the County.

**ADJOURN:** There was no further business to come before Council; Bridges made a motion to adjourn. Conner seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.